(d) No, Sir.

Railway Stations in Northern Zone

3724. SHRI HASHIM RAZA ALLAHABADI ABDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of railway stations in northern zone;

(b) whether railways had constructed platform Nos. 8 & 9 at Allahabad Junction railway station;

(c) whether passengers have to cross two bridges to reach these platforms which is not the case in any other railway station of Northern railway;

(d) whether the distance of these platforms from booking window is half a furlong;

(e) whether it is a fact that passengers who are physically weak, patients of blood pressure, diabetic and other usual ailments such as Asthama face a lot of difficulty in reaching these platforms after crossing two bridges;

(f) whether the railways had taken these facts into consideraion while sanctioning the construction of these platforms;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) whether Government propose to take any steps to provide relief to passengers; if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The total number of stations on Northern Railway is 1246.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. However, for the convenience of such physically weak and sick passengers wheel-chair facilities are available at the station.

(f) The Railway was aware of this problem and as such, had meant the present arrangement to be only temporary phase, pending construction of a new foot-over-bridge extending across the entire Station yard, providing direct connection to all the platforms.

(g) Does not arise.

(h) A scheme has already been drawn up for a new foot-over-bridge of the type mentioned above. The work is proposed to be taken up on top priority, in consideration of the complaints voiced by the public and it is expected to be completed in 1988.

Nursing Allowance, Uniform Allowance and washing allowance for the nurses in the NDMC hospitals, New Delhi

3725. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 1879 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th August, 1987 and to state:

(a) whether i is a fact that Government of India vide order No. Z. 28016/4/87-PMS dated 11th February revised the rate of nursing Allowance, Uniform Allowance and Washing Allowances w.e.f 1st October, 1986 to all Nursing personnel of the Central Government Hospitals and made applicable to Insttiutions, Hospitals under the control of Delhi Administration, Municiptal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Committee and also to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research Chandigarh and National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the above orders to pay revised allowances w.e.f 1st October, 1986 in respect of Nursing personnel of N.D.M.C./Delhi Admn. run Hospitals and Dispensaries have not been enforced and implemented from the same date?